

## Foster Parent 1624 Statewide Consultation Team Meeting Minutes – 07/23/12

**Attendance: Headquarters (Region 3 South):** Amy Gardner, Mike Canfield, John March, Meri Waterhouse, Scott Steuby, Arthur Fernandez, Theresa Tanoury, Marjorie Fitzgerald, Myra Casey, Peggy Hays, Darcey Hancock, Pam Mahan, Sarah Blanchette, Bill Paresa

**Region 1 North:** Cindy Gardner, Joey Charlton, Marty Butkovich,

**Reg. 1 South:** Ken Nichols, Jan Hinkle-Rodriguez, Victoria Erwin

**Region 2 North:** Shala Crow, Debra Ellsworth, Joel Odimba, Kathy Ramsay, Yen Lawlor,

**Region 2 South:** Talya Miller, Cora Phillips,

**Region 3 North:** Barb Geiger, Nancy Sutton, Josh Hinman, Elizabeth Griffin-Hall, Tom Stokes, Lyn Okarski

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Welcome: Scott Steuby				
Work Groups Reporting  <b>*FP Questionnaire</b>  <b>*Sharing names w/ FP liaisons</b>	Myra's report out on questions for fps who have been involved in a DLR investigation.  Names are on application and DLR will work with DLR AAs to find process to ensure this information is shared out with liaisons.			
<b>3 South:</b> <b>*Childcare for Mandatory FP training</b>	CA helps with day care for training for foster parents children in care, FPs can access through worker. This does not cover birth or adopted children. Finding/financing child care is difficult for single parents. <i>Ideas:</i> Satellite facilitation of additional trainings with video access. Could liaisons organize a day care night coinciding with training? Forward any suggestions to John.	John M. send out info on how to access child care with info on using this service  Meri - Send out through listserv		

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<b>*Placement of Sex Offenders in foster home</b>	<p>Mandatory training is in classroom - isn't available on line. CA can pay hourly child care rate in the FP's home and may be able to process payment with FP covering the cost for their own child(ren). Provider will need background check, first aid, provider number, etc, like all respite providers.</p> <p>#2 Placement of Sex offenders – issue of supervision – Rate assess doesn't capture all costs for foster parent.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FP have discussion with worker on services needed for that child, before FP takes child. A Safety &amp; Supv. plan should be in place. Safety of other children in the home should be part of plan.</li> <li>2. Ensure caregivers have had SAAY training (this is now included in Parenting Plus curriculum).</li> <li>3. Is the placement the right match for the child and the FP?</li> <li>4. Send info out to RAs to identify the special model homes and inquire on what kind of kids they take. (Becky) discussion on consistency around state.</li> <li>5. Plan established for each child with supports identified as needed.</li> <li>6. Regional teams to review consistency of practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are supports in place?</li> <li>• review protocols on decision making,</li> <li>• how FP is selected and prepared for</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Becky – ask RAs to identify special model homes in their regions and what types of kids they take.</p> <p>Becky - coordinate with RAs the discussion on consistency in serving these youth across state</p>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure CA messages the need for foster parents of all types.</li> <li>• ASFA requires child welfare agency to discuss all permanency goals: Reunification, Adoption, Guardianship. Discussion allows SWkr to meet compliance and FPs to participate in discussion and share their perspective on caring for child.</li> <li>• Is this discussion coming too soon? – when child is first placed in care? CA must ask question to ensure compliance with law; fully informs the FP, but doesn't force FP into plan they aren't willing to support.</li> <li>• Training needed at social worker level – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ start in Region 3 with updated discussions</li> <li>➢ expand to other regions</li> <li>➢ work with RFTI on development. Becky</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>Reg. 2 South – *Different levels of payment</b>	<p>Joel –Youth discharging from group care/residential facilities in/ out of state with major issues. They are then placed back with the previous FP or with fps with special skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rates and process are not consistent in assessing the needed level of care.</li> <li>• Rate Assessment (RA) begins at Level 1; CA also authorizes back pays on the RA's determined level of care reimburses the FP. Actually talking about what should be a level 5 youth (not BRS, etc).</li> </ul>	<p>Becky to identify Work Group (initial names; Barb Geiger, RA and supervisors)</p> <p>Debriefing meeting requested note to Becky inquiring if Foster Parent will</p>		



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<p><b>*Touching Base and RDA survey similar?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workload issue within the regions.</li> <li>• Response shared within CA and with Rec. &amp; Retent. Liaisons.</li> </ul> <p>Touching Base and FP Survey Questions presented with handout.</p> <p><b>Touching Base Calls:</b> are designed with 5 questions (see handout from July meeting). They are regionally based with follow-up by regional staff. They focus on current situation of foster parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are things going</li> <li>• Any concerns with child I can help with</li> <li>• Any support you need, we can help with</li> <li>• Current issues you need help resolving</li> <li>• Anything else you want me to know?</li> </ul> <p><b>FP Survey Questions</b> asks about identified period of past time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• child placement within the past 5 months.</li> <li>• Adequate support in <u>last year</u> in role of FP</li> <li>• Treat like part of team, do you get help when you ask for it, do Swkers listen to you input? Are you included in meetings about child?</li> <li>• What could CA and your social workers do well to support you?</li> <li>• What could CA and your social workers do better to support you?</li> </ul>	<p>None</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training over last 3 years, has it prepared you to care for basic needs of foster children, has training been helpful, how could it be improved.</li> </ul>			
<b>Reg. 1 South</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Workers not returning phone calls</li> <li>Need for regional support on 1624 work in Reg. 1 South</li> </ul> <p>Marty will work on Region One South concerns within the Region.</p>	Marty – report back October		
<b>Reg. 1 North</b> <b>*Develop list of summer activities for fos. Youth. “TIPS” on safety for caregivers</b>  <b>*updating letter on signing for immunizations</b>	<p>Summer activities – Develop reminders for FPs on taking youth out on “high risk” activities to update FPs. Meri and Cindy, Shala Crow will participate Randy Robert, Thomasenia James. Meri is lead.</p> <p>Immunizations report (Michelle B) letter to providers updated to highlight RCW and WAC references and is in final stages of clarification and changes. Should be complete by end of August. The letter is written to medical providers and helps for foster parent to carry with them. Letter is developed to help address a question from the provider. FPS already now have the authority to consent to routine immunizations (per WAC, Policy). Update of Steve Hassett, AAG memo. Broad info on distribution will help make this available to foster parents.</p>	Meri Lead – set 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting. (pending)		
<b>CA</b> <b>*watch for August Notice of CAFPT</b>			Letter from Denise went out August 27th. Regions	

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<b>nominations and elections beginning in August.</b>			working on nomination forms.	
<b>FPAWS *Respect</b>  <b>*Rate Assessment</b>	Document on Respect/Disrespect shared by FPAWS Subgroup identified to review and propose suggestions on how to address issue. Becky requests 3 CA Regional Reps to participate & DLR rep.  Rate Assessment (RA) RA should consider behavioral issues related to supervision needs; RA process isn't consistent and doesn't include this factor. Becky will work with RAs and reach out to FPAWS on who to have participate in the group.	Meri sends out e-mail to call work group together. FPAWS rep, Shala, Talya, Tess, Josh, Joey Charlton, Kathy Ramsay, Peggy Hays, Randy Roberts.  <b>Becky</b> – lead in contact with Regional Administrators and with FPAWS for participation.  Status report: October		